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## GERMANY'S HELPLESSNESS

### Shorn of Power and Resources That She Will Never Be Able to Recover.

Germany has not been devastated, but Germany is invaded. More German territory is now in Allied hands than Germany ever held in France and almost half of it, Alsace-Lorraine, is permanently lost, while even larger areas are either in Polish hands or are scenes of contests between Polish and German elements, which are steadily growing more bitter.

But not only is Germany invaded; she is still blockaded. Her great ports are as idle as they were at this time last year. Her fleet, her commercial fleet, is still locked up in home or neutral ports, and it remains a matter of doubt as to whether it may not immediately pass to Allied control, and pass permanently, to make good the loss of Allied marine incipient to the undersea warfare of the past four years.

Again, Germany is deprived of all possible chance to import those raw materials necessary to her industry. She cannot start her factories, even when she has transformed them to peace uses again, unless she gets permission.

To this must be added the fact that the French have taken the Lorraine iron mines, stolen from them in 1871, and will hold them henceforth. Thus Germany loses a very important source of her iron supplies. In addition the Poles are almost certain to take the great coal fields of Upper Silesia. The French may retake the coal district of the Saar, taken from them by the Germans in 1814 and 1815.

Back of all this stands the fact that Germany cannot expect immediately, perhaps ever, to reclaim her old markets in countries once open to her.

The character of the war has closed many avenues of trade to her—if not forever, for that important period when she will seek to get on her feet again.

In the same way neither Britain nor France is likely again to open its ports to German ships on the old terms, and the same is true of Italy. All three nations permitted Germany to compete with their own citizens in home lands on equal terms. This will not occur again for at least a generation, and Germany is thrown back upon South America as possibly her leading non-hostile market.

But if the machinery of national business in Allied nations has in a large measure run down, that in Germany, despite the absence of devastating invasion, has gone still more to general rack and ruin. Her railroads are in worse condition than the British and the French. Such essential materials as rubber have long been lacking. Her cities, once the cleanest, have become the dirtiest in Europe, and her population, while never starved, has suffered from underfeeding over a long period than that of any other great nation in the war.

To all this must be added the financial condition due to the losses of the war. All nations have piled up terrific debts, but to the internal debt of Germany must now be added that external debt which will be demanded by her conquerors to repair the injuries, the war-torn injuries and devastations, of German armies in the hour of temporary victory. To pay for these injuries Germany will have to turn over in the next few years sums which it is impossible to calculate, but will hardly fall very far below the \$20,000,000,000 mark.—Review of Reviews.

### BUY A PIG!

The First National Bank of Crossville agrees to loan money to boys who wish to buy a pure-bred pig. This proposition is for the sole purpose of improving the hog stock in the county and all boys who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should see the county agent, W. G. Adamson, and get the particulars about this. This money will be loaned on twelve months time and at 6 per cent interest.

If you want to sell or buy a farm, see John Q. Wyatt, Crossville, Tenn., Phone 7, Box 96, 11-27-177.

D. C. Patton was in from Linary yesterday.

L. H. Farmer was in from Hebbertsburg yesterday looking after business. C. G. Black and daughter, Miss Corinne, are in Nashville attending Grand Opera this week.

Baxter Burnett and family are here from Monterey visiting relatives and friends.

S. W. Rose and wife are arranging to leave for Idaho to make their future home. Many persons here will regret to lose them as citizens.

My shop and lot for sale or trade. Good location for blacksmith or machine shop. B. H. West. 2-19-2t.

Through oversight last week we failed to mention the accident that befell Emmett Agee, in which he lost the little and middle finger from his right hand by a cut-off saw, while working at Jas. Smith's mill a few days ago. Dr. V. L. Lewis dressed the hand and it is doing well.

**TOMBSTONES**—I am now making tombstones here at Crossville and can furnish you any kind you want. Material and workmanship guaranteed to be the very best. I am located in the Cline old store side room. Drop in and see what I am doing. I expect to be here only about two months, so don't wait, come at once. S. W. Rose. 2-19-2t.

Mrs. Dave D. Smith arrived from Rockwood Sunday for a visit of some days with relatives and friends here. Mr. Smith has sold his farm for \$13,500, that he bought a few years ago for \$9,000. He has nearly 100 head of cattle and other things that he will sell shortly. It is not known where he will locate but some have suggested that he may return to this county.

**Wanted**—16 to 20 tie cutters, will pay 25 cents a tie. Virgin timber, never been worked over. Anderson & Taylor, 2 1/2 miles east of Clifty. 2-19-2t.

**FARM FOR SALE**—I have decided to sell my farm of 46 acres and if you ever intend to own a farm near Crossville this is your chance of a lifetime to get the nicest and best location for an ideal home, that ever will be offered for sale. You know the old ball ground right here at town? That is it. Will sell part or all and give terms. Don't overlook this opportunity if you ever intend to come to Crossville. I am thinking of going to Idaho, is why I will sell. Better see me before the fever goes down. S. W. Rose. 2-19-2t.

Ensign Alva Potter was allowed an extension of his furlough to 15 instead of 10 days, so he will not be required to leave for Norfolk before the last of the week.

Dell West and family moved a few days ago from the Potter house south of the residence of Judge Snodgrass to a cottage near the residence of G. M. Martin.

Mr. Girardi and daughter, Miss Edith, returned Sunday from Knoxville, where the young lady had been having her tonsils removed.

Fred Cate returned Saturday from Nashville where he had been being treated for abscesses in his face. He has had several minor operations performed within the past few weeks. Mr. Cate has been in bad health for some years, but he will now be fully restored when the present treatment is completed.

J. L. Anderson was up from Clifty yesterday. He and M. L. Taylor have recently purchased the timber on a 600-acre tract near Clifty and will put the ties on the market as rapidly as they are able to have them made.

J. H. Henry was in from Isonline this week. Mr. Henry was for over 15 years a member of the county court and was regarded as one of the most careful men in the court.

J. I. Hill was over from Pomona Monday on business.

Chas. Comstock, Past Grand Master of Tennessee Masons, left yesterday for Alexandria, Va. to attend the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. He goes as the appointee of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The association meets on Washington's birthday February 22, each year. The Masonic Lodge at Alexandria has quite a number of very valuable relics of George Washington and proposes to give them to the Washington Memorial Association provided a suitable monument be erected in the way of a Masonic Temple to be located at Alexandria. The temple will be erected at a cost of around \$750,000. Past Grand Master Charles C. Stock is very much interested in this project along with his other Masonic activities.

Miss Sarah Stevens arrived from Orange, N. J., Friday. She was met at the train by her nephew, Wilbur Brookhart, and she went to the Brookhart home, Peavine, where she will visit with her sister for some weeks.

Miss Sarah Owens, teacher in the city school, has been confined to her room for about a week with "flu," but hopes to be able to take up her duties again within a few days.

## LOGICAL REPRIMAND.

### Texas Congressman Tells the House Some Wholesome Truths.

The following speech from Congressman Dies, of Texas, on his retirement from that body, is so full of wholesome truth that no one, be he democrat or republican, can seriously take issue with him. The only persons we know whom would not approve of this speech are socialists or bolsheviks, which are very much the same in action and general principles of action. The speech of Mr. Dies follows:

Mr. Chairman, when members talk about loaning money to the farmers of this country, and talk about Democrats and Republicans, it makes an honest nonpartisan man laugh. The best thing you can do for the farmers of this country is to let them alone and quit spending their money and taxing the eternal life out of them. (Laughter and applause.)

I wish the farmers of this country and the taxpayers of our land might have a return of the old democratic and republican theory that government is not created to support the people, but that it is a creature to be supported by the people.

The great mistake we are making, my friends, here now is that we are practicing hypocrisy upon the people. We are leading them to believe that the government can support them and lift them by their boot straps out of their financial difficulties when, as honest men, we should say to them that all that the government can do is to protect their life and their liberty and tax them to support the government.

I have been here ten years, and I am going out now—

A member. And voluntarily, too.

Mr. Dies. Yes; and I will tell you what you have done, and I hope you will take it in good part: You have taken the fairest and best government ever known among men and you are making it into the most despicable socialism. You took the American people at a time when they believed they could support themselves and their government, and you are teaching them hour by hour and day by day to expect that their government shall support them. Instead of telling our magnificent army, when the boys are coming back from France and are being demobilized, to go back to their jobs and engage in their former industries, you are leading them to believe that the government shall take it upon itself as a duty to support them.

### TEARING DOWN

My friends, you are tearing down the greatest government, the greatest democracy, the world has ever seen, and you are building in its stead the poorest fabric of socialism that history can record.

Is it your intention to help the people? No. You will not help the people unless you tell them that the government has but one duty to the citizen, and that is to protect his life and property and give him an equal and fair race in this world. (Applause.) And you are teaching him that the duty of the government is to keep him. My beloved country! I do not know; we are losing the greatest republic the world has ever seen. Talk about international democracy! It is being swamped amidst rebarbarous phrases and unintelligible jargon. Would to God the President of the United States would get on the Tennessee and come home and preserve this republic (applause) rather than meddle longer with the politics of Europe. We are casting the lot of the people of America, the peace and destinies of our country into what? Into the hotchpotch of the quarrels and poverty and woe and destruction of Europe.

You know, when this is all over, my friends, I will be out home farming, and you who are left here will read Washington's farewell Address with more respect than you have ever read it before. (Applause.)

There is not anything new to be said. Human nature is just the same as it was when our fathers made this republic. The President of the United States, representing what has been the

greatest republic the world has ever seen, may speak of justice, and of the league of nations, and the end of the sorrows of mankind; but the best hope of this republic and of this people is upon our own shores, defending the constitution of our fathers, protecting the liberties of the people and independent self-government, a representative democracy. And I wish, O God of Nations, that our President would come back home, and that we might leave upon this hemisphere a great democracy, unentangled and unengaged with all the European broils that exist abroad today. (Prolonged applause.)

## PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY.

The Sunday School held its regular session Sunday morning, followed by a preaching service conducted by Rev. Butler. The congregation was surprised and grieved to learn that Rev. Butler has accepted a call to become pastor of a church in his home town of Denorest, Ga., so this was his last Sunday as pastor of our church.

Mrs. Arnold, who is a librarian and library organizer in Massachusetts, where she has been working with the state Commission, is organizing the school library, and the work being now sufficiently advanced, the reading room was opened Sunday afternoon to the boys. The library is housed in a large room on the first floor of Dodge Hall, the boys' dormitory, and already presents an attractive appearance. Mrs. Albert Smith has presented to the library a copy of the A. L. A. Subject Headings.

Prof. Wharton announced Saturday evening that one of the pianos at Wheeler Hall is to be moved to the library, thus giving the boys a chance for some music and several are already planning to take advantage of Mrs. Arnold's kindness, and get her to help them sing together. It is proposed to have the library open for regular hours in the afternoon and some evenings in the week, the girls alternating with the boys in its use, and the faculty having its own hours.

W. E. Wilson, an educator of many years' standing, is visiting at the home of his relatives, the Whartons.

Under the leadership of Claude Broom, who was for a time at Camp Beauregard, the boys are marching to and from meals, Ray Clause playing the drum. Feb. 17. X.

J. L. Pickett was here the first of the week from Whitwell visiting his cousin, J. E. Burnett.

Sampson DeRossett arrived home Sunday from Muscle Shoals, Ala., where he has been working for some months in a store run by the company that is erecting the big government nitrate plant. He will return the last of the week.

Chancery court will convene here Monday.

Mrs. Volner Hamby is in Nashville, at St. Thomas Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation Monday afternoon. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Miss Ruth DeRussett will go to Harpman Saturday to attend a dance given by the Bababatchie club there that night.

Mrs. E. C. Hughes and little daughter Ernestine were here yesterday visiting Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. W. B. Bandy.

T. H. Stanley, of Pleasant Hill, was a Crossville visitor Saturday and favored this office with a pleasant call.

There will be a meeting of the Home Demonstration Club at the court house Friday afternoon at 2:30. All members are urged to be present as there will be important business. Mrs. E. Cope Albertson.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Martin entertained with three tables of five hundred and a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter, Mesdames E. J. Ducey and G. F. Brookhart, Misses Grace Linnhart, Mary Loshough, Antoinette Jackson, Ernest Potter, Fannie DeGolia; Mr. Ernest Burnett. The out-of-town guests were Miss Mabel Brown, of Athens, and Ensign Alva Potter, of Norfolk, Va. A delicious salad course, coffee and mints were served.

Mrs. A. L. Garrison, Mrs. Chas. Comstock and Mrs. S. C. Cline charmingly entertained a few friends at the Cline home Saturday afternoon in honor of the birthday of Mrs. S. C. Bishop. The star-ladies present were: Mesdames Ardy Emore, Martha Rea, E. N. Jackson, Lelah DeGolia, C. G. Black, J. W. Dorton, Miss Mabel Brown, Athens. Favors and decorations carried out the spirit of St. Valentine. At the close of the afternoon chicken salad, rolls, ambrosia, cake, coffee and mints were served.

## MULE KICK WORSE THAN WAR

### Went Through War Without a Scratch and Laid Up by Mule Kick.

The following letter from Truman Manning, son of Mrs. D. B. Manning, Crab Orchard, is of interest. Mrs. Manning has the proud distinction of three stars on her service flag, one for the army and two for the navy. Following is a letter from the young man to his mother:

"Cauremont, France, Jan. 29, 1919.

"My dear mother, sis and all: "Will answer your letter which I received a few days ago. Sure was glad to hear from you and to know you all are getting along alright. I am well and enjoying life fine.

"It is so cold here now we can't do anything but sit by the fire. We had plenty of snow yesterday and today; the only snow we've had except on Christmas day.

"The war is over and I'm certainly glad. A fellow feels better now than when the shells were 'singing the graveyard blues' round him. I got through without a scratch but when we got back to our camp a darned old mule kicked me and laid me up for several days.

"Wish Dallas could have gotten across. The trip is fine. I wouldn't take anything for mine, but wouldn't give a dime for another one like it. I'll sure be glad to get back home.

"Burke, I sure enjoyed my Christmasbox. Everything was fine. I also enjoyed getting the pictures and the clippings from the Chronicle. I am so sorry to hear of the death of Flossie and Charlie Brown.

"I am sending you some souvenirs of France.

"You might as well quit looking for the 30th Division until you see us coming. It looks like we are going to have to stay here until war breaks out again.

"I will write again when I get time. Hope to get him as soon as I can.

"Your loving, "Truman.

"117th Inf., Supply Co."

## CITY FATHERS MEET.

### Elect a New Marshal and Take Steps Looking to Electric Light Plant.

Friday night the city fathers met and elected a Marshal in the person of Elijah Tollett, Jr. They also appointed nine deputy marshals who live in different parts of the city. Those appointed were: E. S. Burnett, Wm. Hembree, F. A. McCarth, J. S. Reed, J. B. Johnson, Andy Elmore, B. H. West, W. F. Bandy, Wm. Stone. Just how many of the appointees will qualify remain to be seen. The idea in appointing so many seemed to be to have some one in all parts of the city who would have authority to preserve order and by that means have a general surveillance over the city.

The city board also appointed a committee to look into a proposed light plant for the city. It is thought there is a light plant at Chattanooga that has been used very little that it can be purchased at a very low price.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court is still in session, but is expected to complete its labors this week. There are a few cases we could give, but as one never knows what turn matters may take to change the final result until court is over, we have decided to leave the remainder of the cases until court is finally closed and give the remainder of the work of this session next week.

## DORTCH LAW REPEALED.

A special act has been passed and signed by the governor that goes away with the Dortch law in White county. It is made to apply to counties having a population of "not less than 15,420 and not more than 15,430." That will not affect this county and we will continue to vote under the Dortch law as in the past.

## NAMED JUDGE ADVOCATE.

L. D. (Casto) Smith, of Knoxville, has been named Judge Advocate General on the staff of Gov. A. H. Roberts. The staff also consists of 21 colonels and three majors. Not all the officers of the governor's staff have been chosen yet.